House Resolution No. 4599

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably dedicated their time and energy to helping state government meet the public's mandate for efficient, effective services; and

Whereas, James Meek of Kansas City has attained considerable distinction as a Hearing Officer with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; and

Whereas, employed by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for twenty-eight years, James Meek will bring his illustrious career to an end on November 1, 2003, in well-deserved retirement; and

Whereas, down through the years James Meek has received numerous accolades and honors, including a Social Security Administration Associate Commissioner's Citation and a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Outstanding Service Award; and

Whereas, the beloved husband of Karen and the loving father of Laura, James Meek is a member of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral where he is an usher, member of the scholarship committee and the building and grounds committee, and a Soup Kitchen volunteer; and

Whereas, James Meek has also allied himself with the Kansas City Athletic Club, U.S. Handball Association, Ararat Shrine, Scottish Rite, Sheffield Masonic Lodge, American Legion, and the YMCA; and

Whereas, James Meek previously found outlets for his exceptional energy and visionary leadership as a member of Toastmasters and the Missouri Association of Disability Examiners:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar career accomplishments garnered by James Meek during his twenty-eight years as a state employee and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement and our best wishes for continued success now and in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of James Meek of Kansas City, Missouri.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4599, adopted November 5, 2003.